

HOUSE BILL 1310  
By DeBerry J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,  
Chapter 12, relative to child deaths.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the grand jury of each county shall investigate every case of sudden, unexplained death of a child, aged twelve (12) and under, which occurs in such county during the period for which the grand jury is empanelled.

(b) For purposes of this section, "sudden death of a child" means the sudden death of a child, aged twelve (12) and under, which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.